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E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EFIN, JA

SUBJ: ALLEGED EC PRESSURES ON YEN RATE

1. WEEKEND PRESS REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED GOJ SOURCE AS STATING EC, DURING BILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS EARILER THIS MONTH IN ERUOPE, INDICATED TO GOJ THAT APPRECIATION OF YEN WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED INFURTURE JAPAN-EC TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IF JAPAN-EC TRADE IMBALANCE DOES NOT SHOW IMPROVEMENT OVER TIME. GOJ SOURCE IS SAID TO BELIEVE THAT EC AIM IS TO DRAW OUT LARGER CONCESSIONS FROM JAPAN ON BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES, AS WELL AS TO GET JAPANESE TO GUIDE YEN UPWARD. EC REPORTEDLY PREDICTS THAT JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS WITH EC THIS YEAR WILL BE AS LARGE AS LAST YEAR'S \$4 BIL.

2. COMMENT: BOTH MOF AND MOFA TELL EMBASSY THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY BASIS FOR THIS REPORT, WHICH APPEARS AT A TIME WHEN YEN UNDER FAIRLY STRONG UPWARD PRESSURE. TODAY (MONDAY FEB 14) YEN CONFIDENTIAL

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CLOSED AT YEN 283.00 TO THE DOLLAR, AFTER TURNOVER OF \$349 MIL HIGHEST SINCE SEPT 1975. DOMINANT RATE AT WHICH TRANSACTIONS TOOK PLACE (SO-CALLED CENTRAL RATE), ALSO AT 283.00, WAS HIGHEST YEN/DOLLAR RATE SINCE JUNE, 1974. PRESS REPORTS BOJ DOLLAR PURCHASES TODAY OF \$80 MIL. END COMMENT.
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